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1. SUMMARY. AMB. ALBRIGHT MET WITH THE JOINT RWANDA - RPF DELEGATION ON SEPT 16 TO HEAR THEIR PLEA FOR THE RAPID SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVAL AND DEPLOYMENT OF A NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL FORCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS. INITIALLY SAYING THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA SAW THE NEED FOR A SIX BATTALION FORCE (4200), FM GASANA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WITH TWO BATTALIONS, THE TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT COULD TAKE OVER, AND WITH FOUR BATTALIONS (2800), DISARMAMENT COULD BEGIN. END SUMMARY.

2. ON SEPT 16, AMB. ALBRIGHT RECEIVED A JOINT GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA-RPF DELEGATION LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER GASANA. GASANA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY RWANDA NEW QORK PERMREP, RPF COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS MAZIMHAKA, AND RWANDAN AMBASSADOR TO KAMPALA KANYARUSHOKI. GASANA WAS THE ONLY SPEAKER. AMB HICKS AND NOTE TAKER ALSO SAT IN ON THE MEETING.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THE DELEGATION'S NEW YORK, AND NEXT WEEK WASHINGTON, VISIT WAS TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FROM  
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SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE (NIF) TO RWANDA TO ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THEN DISARMAMENT OF TROOPS. DURING HIS HALF-HOUR MEETING WITH AMB. ALBRIGHT, GASANA REITERATED THAT RWANDA APPRECIATED THE US BILATERAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL ROLE IN RESOLVING THE CONFLICT IN RWANDA, AND THAT "THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS GOD" IN TERMS OF DECIDING RWANDA'S FATE. NOTING THAT HIS JOINT DELEGATION WAS A RESULT OF PRESSURE FROM THE PEOPLE TO PUT A PERMANENT END TO THE CONFLICT, GASANA ELABORATED THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND HUMANITARIAN REASONS TO ASSURE THE EXPEDITIOUS DISPATCH OF THE NIF.

4. RWANDA'S PROBLEM WAS A POLITICAL ONE, STATED GASANA. BY INSTALLING THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT, THIS POLITICAL PROBLEM COULD BEGIN TO BE ADDRESSED. GASANA HINTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE UNREST AND/OR BREAKING OF THE CEASE-FIRE. ON THE HUMANITARIAN AND ECONOMIC SIDE, THE DISPLACED PERSONS WERE PRESSING TO RETURN HOME. IT MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL AND RESTRAIN THEM. SEPTEMBER WAS THE RAINY/PLANTING SEASON. IF THE REFUGEES DID NOT REACH HOME IN TIME TO PLANT, THERE WAS RISK OF A WIDESPREAD FAMINE BEGINNING IN

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY WHEN HARVEST SHOULD TAKE PLACE. GIVEN ALL OF THESE FACTORS, THE JOINT DELEGATION WAS PLEADING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITQ TO PROVIDE THE TROOPS FOR THE POLITICAL CHANGES TO BEGIN.

5. AMB. ALBRIGHT PRESSED GASANA ON HIS VIEWS ON HOW MANY TROOPS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THE NIV. GASANA  
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REPLIED, SIX BATTALIONS (4200 PEOPLE AT 700 PER BATTALION): ONE FOR EACH "SECTOR" AND TWO FOR KIGALI. THIS MANQ TROOPS WERE NEEDED DUE TO THE MOUNTAINOUS NATURE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE. GASANA WAS QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT THE BATTALIONS COULD BE DEPLOYED IN "TRANCHES", AND THAT THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT PERIOD COULD BEGIN AS SOON AS TWO BATTALIONS WERE IN KIGALI. GIVEN THAT THERE WERE ENOUGH TO COMPRISE ONE BATTALION ALREADY ON THE GROUND, AND THAT THE EGYPTIANS HAD PROMISED A SECOND BATTALION, IT WAS SIMPLY A MATTER OF THE SC AUTHORIZING THE NIF. GASANA ADDED THAT THE PRESENCE OF OTHER BATTALIONS WOULD BE NECESSARQ BEFORE DISARMAMENT COULD BEGIN.

6. AMB ALBRIGHT PROMISED TO RELAY GASANA'S VIEWS A  
ND  
ESTIMATES TO THE DEPARTMENT, BUT CAUTIONED THAT THE SECURITQ COUNCIL WAS PAYING A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION TO BUDGETING PEACEKEEPING FORCES. WE WOULD NEED TO WAIT FOR THE SYG'S SURVEQ TEAM TO FINISH ITS REPORT BEFORE

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DISCUSSING THE SIZE AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE NIF. IT WAS A  
 BUDGET-CONSCIOUS BODY THE RWANDANS WERE DEALING WITH.  
 GASANA RECOGNIZED THAT HIS ESTIMATES MIGHT NEED TO BE  
 REVISED, "ON PROPOSE, DIEU (LE CONSEIL) DISPOSE," BUT  
 REITERATED THAT THE RWANDAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT WERE

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SEEKING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND NEEDED THE SUPPORT OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITQ, AS CALLED FOR IN THE ARUSHA  
ACCORDS.

7. ON HIS WAY OUT, GASANA FURTHER SAID TO AMB. HICKS  
THAT WITH FOUR BATTALIONS (2BOO), HE BELIEVED THE  
RWANDANS WOULD FEEL SECURE ENOUGH TO BEGIN THE  
CANTONMENT AND DISARMAMENT OF TROOPS.

8. THE DELEGATION WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR  
CONSULTATIONS THE WEEK OF SEPT 20.

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